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To whom it may concern,

I've been in the computer business for about 20 years. I think this settlement is a total capitulation by the DOJ. The government is supposed to protect and encourage competition. All this does is allow Microsoft to continue its monopolistic practices. Judge Jackson had the right idea. Breaking the company up, much like Roosevelt did with the oil, steel and railroad trusts, is the right thing to do. No large, and especially no monopoly, enterprise is interested in innovation much less competition. To the contrary it is in their best interest to stifle innovation. Is there anyone out there who cares about "We the people"???? The government seems to have a phobia in regard to competition. You break up AT&T and then you allow the Bell Companies to merge! And now with Taunzin Dingle you want to stifle competition in the telecommunications arena. I just don't get it.

Sincerely,

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